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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kazunobu Kobota
Serial No. : 09/918,007
Filed : July 30, 2001
For : AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND AUDIO SIGNAL
PROCESSING APPARATUS
Date : January 3, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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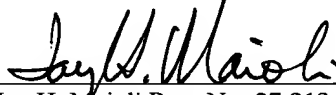
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RESPONSE

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Applicant hereby responds to the Official Action of December 16, 2004.

The claims presently being examined are set forth in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this response.

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